



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 244

* SB00244JUD 031416 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF INJURIES RESULTING
FROM THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AND STAB WOUNDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Each hospital, outpatient surgical facility and outpatient clinic
4 shall report or cause a report to be made to the local police department
5 or the state police of each person treated for a bullet wound, a gunshot
6 wound or any injury arising from the discharge of a firearm or a stab
7 wound. Such report shall be made as soon as practicable after the
8 treatment is rendered and shall contain the name and address of the
9 injured person, if known, the nature and extent of the injury and the
10 circumstances under which the treatment was rendered.

11 (b) A report required under subsection (a) of this section shall
12 include:

13 (1) The name, residence, sex and age of the patient;

14 (2) The type of wound the patient received; and

15 (3) The name of each health care provider treating the patient's
16 wound.

17 (c) An employee of the hospital, outpatient surgical facility or

18 outpatient clinic shall ensure that any bullet or other foreign object or
 19 clothing showing damage potentially related to the wound removed
 20 from any such patient shall be identified as coming from such patient
 21 and kept in a manner that preserves the integrity of the item, until an
 22 employee of such entity surrenders the item to the local police
 23 department or the state police or until the period for retention of such
 24 item expires pursuant to such entity's policy for retention of such item,
 25 whichever is earlier.

26 (d) Any hospital, outpatient surgical facility or outpatient clinic or
 27 employee of any such entity who in good faith, and without gross
 28 negligence or wilful or wanton misconduct, makes a report pursuant
 29 to this section, cooperates during the course of an investigation or
 30 proceeding concerning the reported wound, or preserves an item or
 31 surrenders such item to the local police department or state police
 32 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall be immune from civil or
 33 criminal liability or any action for suspension, revocation or surrender
 34 of any professional license, registration or certification held by such
 35 entity or employee, arising from or related to the report, cooperation
 36 with an investigation or proceeding or the preservation or surrender of
 37 any such item.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2016	19a-490f
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (d), "preservation and surrender" was changed to "preservation or surrender" for accuracy.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*